

### **REMARKS**

Claims 12, 16, 18, 19, 21, and 22 are now pending in the application. Minor amendments have been made to the claims to simply overcome the rejections of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 112. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

### **REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112**

Claims 12, 16, 18, 19, 21, and 22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicants amended independent claims 12, 18 and 22 to provide clarification according to the Examiner's suggestions.

Specifically, claim 12 is amended to clarify that the first planar flange has a first width measured on the first flange and perpendicularly to the longitudinal axis, the first width narrowing away from the first arcuate end, and that the second planar flange has a second width measured on the second flange and perpendicularly to the longitudinal axis, the second width narrowing away from the second arcuate end. Further, claim 12 is amended to specify that the first and second flanges are substantially perpendicular to one another.

Claim 18 is amended to clarify that the first and second flanges are at opposite ends of the longitudinal axis and that the first and second flanges have corresponding first and second widths measured on the first and second flanges and perpendicularly to the longitudinal axis, the first and second widths narrowing away from the first and second arcuate ends.

Claim 22 is amended to clarify that the first and second flanges are substantially perpendicular to one another.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

**ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER**


The Examiner states that claims 12, 16, 18, 19, 21, and 22 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112. Accordingly, Applicants have amended claims 12, 16, 18, 19, 21, and 22 as discussed above. Therefore, claims 12, 16, 18, 19, 21, and 22 should now be in condition for allowance.

**CONCLUSION**

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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